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THOUGH INDIAN AIRLINES STRIKE CAUSED CANCELLATION ASSISTANT
DIRECTOR GIDDENS' VISIT AND
CURTAILMENT EDWARD EPSTEIN PRO-
GRAM NEXT WEEK, POST STILL BASKING IN CONTINUING EVIDENCE
EFFECTIVENESS AAU TRACK & FIELD TEAM. UNDER HEADLINE "COACHING
STINT HAS TREMENDOUS IMPACT", DEC 7 "CEYLON OBSERVER" REPORTS
THAT GREAT NUMBERS OF CEYLONese ATHLETES ARE STILL WORKING
OUT AT MINISTRY OF SPORT GROUNDS EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE NO
MEETS SCHEDULED IN NEAR FUTURE.

ARTICLE CONTINUES: "SOME OF THE 'BIG NAMES' IN THE ATHLETIC
SPHERE IN SRI LANKA WERE SEEN GOING THROUGH THEIR PACES,
FOLLOWED BY THE PROMISING YOUNGSTERS, TAKING IN EACH MINUTE
DETAIL THEY HAVE BEEN TAUGHT DURING THE WEEK-LONG COACHING
STINT.

"IT WAS HEARTENING TO WATCH THE INTEREST THEY TOOK OVER THEIR
TRAINING

SCHEDULE. WHETHER IT WAS IN THE RUNNING OR THROW-
ING EVENTS OR IN THE JUMPS, THEY WERE EITHER IMITATING OR

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TRYING THEIR BEST TO DO WHAT THE US TRACK TEAM HAD TOLD THEM,

ESPECIALLY THE YOUNGSTERS.

"IT IS TRUE WE HAVE NO MEETS TO KEEP ON PRACTICING NOW,
BUT WHAT WE LEARNT FROM THEM SHOULD BE NOT FORGOTTEN. THE
TECHNICAL ANGLES WE GRASPED FROM THEM SHOULD BE PUT TO USE
NOW', WERE THE CANDID COMMENTS OF THIS CANDID BAND OF
ATHLETES ON THE GROUNDS."
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